

## DECLARATION

As a below-named inventor, I(we) hereby declare that:

### TYPE OF DECLARATION

This declaration is of the following type:

- original
- design
- supplemental
- national stage of PCT
- divisional
- continuation
- continuation-in-part (CIP)

### INVENTORSHIP DECLARATION

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name;

I verily believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (*if only one name is listed below*) or an original, first and joint inventor (*if plural names are listed below*) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

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### VARIABLE MANIPULATIVE STRENGTH CATHETER

the specification of which:

- a)  is being filed concurrently herewith
- b)  was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ and assigned Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_
- c)  was filed as PCT International Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed on \_\_\_\_\_ and amended under PCT Article 19 on \_\_\_\_\_.

### ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF REVIEW OF PAPERS AND DUTY OF CANDOR

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations §1.56.

- In compliance with this duty there is attached an Information Disclosure Statement.  
37 CFR 1.97.

### PRIORITY CLAIM

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119(a)-(d), of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT international applications(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT international applications(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by me having the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

COUNTRY	APPLICATION NUMBER	DATE OF FILING (day, month, year)	PRIORITY CLAIMED UNDER 37 USC 119
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35 United States Code, §119(e) of any United States provisional application identified below.

U.S. APPLICATIONS	
APPLICATION NUMBER	U.S. FILING DATE
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2.	

#### CLAIM FOR BENEFIT OF EARLIER U.S./PCT APPLICATIONS(S) UNDER 35 U.S.C. §120

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States applications(s) or PCT international applications(s) designating the United States of America that is/are listed below.

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APPLICATION NUMBER	U.S. FILING DATE
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PCT APPLICATIONS DESIGNATING THE U.S.	
PCT APPLICATION NO.	PCT FILING DATE
3.	

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

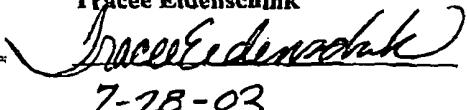
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UTILITY/DESIGN PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventor(s):	Tracee Bidenschink
Title:	VARIABLE MANIPULATIVE STRENGTH CATHETER
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Docket No: S63.2-10692

POWER OF ATTORNEY FROM ASSIGNEE

As assignee of record of the entire interest of the above identified patent application, Scimed Life Systems, Inc. hereby appoint all practitioners of Customer No. 490 to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith. I hereby authorize them to act and rely on instructions from, and to communicate directly with, the firm or person which sent this case to Vidas, Arnett & Steinkraus, P.A., unless or until I instruct Vidas, Arnett & Steinkraus P.A., in writing to the contrary.

Address all correspondence to James M. Urzedowski at Customer Number 490.

Dated this 28<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2003.

(Company Name)	<u>Scimed Life Systems, Inc.</u>
(Signature) (Dated name)	<u>Albert K. Kau</u>
Its:	<u>Assistant Secretary</u>

REGARDING CERTAIN PATENT MATTERS  
EFFECTIVE THROUGH: December 31, 2003

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I hereby authorize the following registered patent attorneys/agents (1) to act on behalf of any of the corporations identified above, including Boston Scientific Corporation, with regard to any matters before the United States Patent and Trademark Office, any foreign patent offices, and any international patent entities, (2) to execute power of attorney documents on behalf of any of the corporations identified above, including Boston Scientific Corporation, to appoint and/or establish any attorneys, agents, and/or law firms to act on behalf of any of the corporations identified above, including Boston Scientific Corporation, in any foreign or international patent applications filed with any foreign and/or international patent offices, and (3) to execute assignment and ownership documents on behalf of any of the corporations identified above, including Boston Scientific Corporation, with regard to any matters before the United States Patent and Trademark Office, any foreign patent offices, and any international patent offices:

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4/11/03  
 Date

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On this 11<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2003 before me personally appeared Paul W. Sandman to me known and known to me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and he duly acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the uses and purposes set forth herein.

  
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